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7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: Aug 26

Monthly Goal	Flown to Date	Current Status
91	75	-4
43	30	-12
56	51	+2

FY-03 Flying Hour Curve: -104.2

Source: 7th Operations Group

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317th Airlift Group Sortie Goals

As of: Aug. 25

Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
78%	75.4%

Dyess takes aim at DUI 'goal'

By 2nd Lt. Ben Gamble
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess leadership recently announced the base would receive a day off in early October if there were no cases of Dyess people driving under the influence of intoxicants during the month of September.

"It is the obligation of commanders and supervisors to take an active role in (avoiding DWIs and preventing tragedies)," said Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander. "Consequently, this wing's sole measure to achieve an October Goal Day will be zero DWIs in September."

Driving while impaired is one of the leading factors in fatal motor vehicle mishaps across the Air Force, according to the Air Force Safety Center at Kirkland Air Force Base, N.M.

Over the last five years, the Air Force has lost an average of 21 members during the 101 Critical Days of Summer, said the center. Of

those off-duty fatalities, about one-third were attributed to motorcycle accidents and 70 percent were in the 18- to 25-year-old age group.

"People are Dyess' most valuable resource," said Charles Carson, 7th BW chief of ground safety. "We can't do the bad guys' job for them -- we have to make them work at it."

"Having no DWIs is a pretty easy goal," Carson added. "I have confidence in our members that they will not only do the right thing, but they will also look out for each other."

Off-duty motor vehicle accidents are not always the military member's fault, but accidents can still be fatal regardless of fault, Carson added.

One way Dyess people can protect themselves on the road is by taking a defensive driving course. The course is offered at The Hangar Center the first Monday and Tuesday of each month.

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Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Army Staff Sgt. Richard Humphrey checks the identification of a base driver. If there are no cases of Dyess people driving under the influence of intoxicants, the base will earn its October Goal Day.

Air Force teamwork saves U.N. lives after attack

By Capt. William Manley
447th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq -- Airmen from several Air Force units at Baghdad International Airport rescued seven U.N. employees injured when a terrorist bomb exploded outside their headquarters here Aug. 19.

Approximately 90 minutes after the attack, 301st Expeditionary Rescue Squadron officials sent two combat search and rescue teams. Each team included one pilot and

three pararescuemen. They were joined moments later by a third team.

"(Pararescuemen) bring more capability to an accident scene than most people are aware of," said one of the team leaders. "We're fully certified trauma paramedics who can perform minor field surgeries, amputations, tracheotomies and (deep intravenous drips for burn patients)."

They can also operate rescue equipment like the Jaws of Life and rope pulleys. These skills were put to use the night of Aug. 19 because other rescuers did not know how

to use some of the equipment.

The team's first job was to set up and use a rope pulley to retrieve a bombing victim. The victim was trapped in the rubble about 15 feet below the closest access point.

"This guy was in bad shape," said one pararescueman. "He'd been pinned upside down for more than two hours. Both his legs were crushed, his right hand was pretty much destroyed, and he'd lost about 40 percent of his blood as well."

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FOD prevention everyone's duty

By Tech. Sgt. Joe Redd
7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Have you heard or made the following comments?

"I work in an office far away from the flight line. Why should I worry about the Foreign Object Damage program?"

"Those small rocks in the pavement joints or cracks couldn't hurt a fly. Let's get this FOD walk done. I have more important things to do."

"My job doesn't require me to use tools or hardware. The FOD program sounds like it only applies to aircraft maintainers."

"Airman Jones, you can eat sunflower seeds on the flight line. Just spit the seed shells on the ramp; the wind will blow them away."

Those comments indicate an individual's lack of training or even worse, purposefully ignoring the identification and elimination of potential FOD. It could also cost someone's life.

To prevent that from happening, the Air Force FOD program is designed to increase awareness and prevention. It is very important for all Dyess members to be trained about the FOD program and how important prevention is to aircraft combat readiness. In short, the FOD program applies to everyone.

FOD is, more often than not, damage caused to an engine by an object that was left on, in or near an aircraft. Foreign Object Damage also affects wheels and tires or the aircraft structure itself. It can be found anywhere in the aviation environment, from the manufacturing plant to airport terminal gates, aircraft parking aprons, taxiways, runways and run-up pads.

It can result in anything from minor repairs to catastrophic

events. Every year, FOD costs the Air Force millions of dollars, and adversely affects mission readiness.

Foreign Object Damage is easily

"FOD prevention is everyone's business, whether you work on the flight line, in the military personnel flight or the clinic."

Tech. Sgt. Joe Redd
7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

preventable since it is primarily caused by people who fail to police their work areas properly or account for material (tools and hardware) used during maintenance.

Other causes of FOD include natural phenomena, such as high winds, heavy rainfall or bird strikes.

Have you ever seen someone toss a soda can or bottle out the window of their vehicle while driving on base? With the high winds that blow regularly in West Texas, that soda can or bottle can easily make it to the flight line.

FOD also often happens when loose objects, such as stones, paper and trash, are blown or washed onto the taxiways or runways.

These loose objects easily make their way into jet engines, cut aircraft tires or cause other serious damage.

Prevention is everyone's business, whether you work on the flight line, in the military personnel flight or the clinic. We all play an important part in the prevention program.

To help prevent FOD, all members should remove foreign objects from roads, parking areas and other places to keep items from migrating to areas where aircraft are located.

Your direct involvement in preventing FOD can help save lives, prevent damage to our warfighting assets -- and maybe land you a day off, courtesy of the FOD poster program. Dyess members can submit a hand-drawn or computer-generated poster promoting FOD awareness to Tech. Sgt. Sydney Forster, Wing FOD Prevention NCO, at sydney.forster@dyess.af.mil

COMACC emphasizes safety

By Gen. Hal Hornburg
Air Combat Command commander

I want to thank each of you for your hard work and dedication in providing support to the global war on terrorism during the past months. Long duty hours and deployments require the best from all of us, and our people have proven they are up to the task.

As the end of summer nears, Labor Day weekend offers an opportunity to spend some well-deserved time with our families. We want everyone to enjoy the time off, but it's important to remind ourselves of the statistical risks associated with Labor Day.

Historically, Labor Day weekend has been one of the most dangerous holidays for Air Force peo-

ple. It is a time when many families will take to the highways to get in one last summer activity. Have a good plan, ensure you have adequate rest, wear your seatbelt, and don't drink and drive. Our goal this holiday weekend is zero mishaps.

Our nation is counting on us to help win the global war on terrorism -- we cannot afford to lose anyone. We must all remember, as airmen, our standards of conduct apply 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Operational risk management and personal risk management should be a part of all our activities. Every ACC member is important -- we need to do everything we can to ensure we return safely after the holiday, refreshed and ready to continue the fight.



We expect our leaders to be outstanding role models -- to know the correct actions to take during crisis situations as well as during long deliberative periods. We expect our leaders to set the highest standards of ethics and morals and to be the example of selflessness.

One characteristic that is often overlooked is winning. People who are known to be successful at winning go a long way in leading. The goal of every military team is to win. In combat, there is no room for anything else. As we develop our leadership abilities, remember the critical importance winning has in making a team excel. People follow winners. Americans expect winners to be honest, fair, hard working, compassionate and tenacious. In combat, we have to guarantee success -- to win! Team Dyess has a great number of winners and everyone works hard at guaranteeing the team wins! It is obvious that we are successful because of our willingness to put the team and teammates first. Our winners treat people fairly, with respect and a sense that leadership is an obligation, making the team and individual better. Winners drive the team to victory.

Dyess is fortunate to have a wing full of such winners -- there are many days that our great nation depends on our leadership producing wins for America!



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Air Force meets 2003 recruiting goal

Service also posts positive results in recruiting officers for critical job specialties

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- The Air Force reached its enlisted-contract goal Aug. 22 with the signing of its 37,000th enlistment contract.

More than 32,000 people entered basic military training since Sept. 30. The Air Force now has enough contracts to meet its goal for the fiscal year and has for the past four years, according to officials.

"I salute our recruiters who are working hard to recruit the country's best and brightest," said Brig. Gen. Edward Rice Jr., Air Force Recruiting Service commander. "We are committed to recruiting a diverse, high-quality volunteer force that is representative of the country it serves."

The Air Force is not only doing well enlisting airmen, the service is also doing well commissioning officers into critical career fields, according to officials.

"The Air Force is having a banner year recruiting engineers, scientists and weather officers," said Col. Gary Kirk, recruiting service's operations division chief. "The last year that compares with this year's success was 1991, and we are already postured for another strong year next year."

Although the Air Force is having a great recruiting year, it is still hiring, Kirk said. It needs hundreds of doctors, nurses, pharmacists and aircraft mechanics, as well as people qualified for special operations, such as pararescue and combat control.

According to Kirk, the Air Force also main-



Airman 1st Class Robert Morris

Col. Frank Borman, retired astronaut, gives Dyess airmen and new Air Force recruits the oath of enlistment during the 2003 Big Country Air Power Day airshow Aug. 16. The Air Force has exceeded its enlisted-contract goal of 37,000 recruits for 2003 for the third year in a row.

tained its standard of 99 percent of recruits being high school graduates.

Enlisted airmen earn 12 to 72 accredited hours through their Air Force training, putting them on track to earn an associates degree in

one of more than 60 fields of study from the Community College of the Air Force.

"It's no wonder that... one of the top reasons people join the Air Force is for the opportunity to further their education," Rice said.

Air Force begins 15-month enlistment program in October

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- Beginning in October, 1 percent of new fiscal year 2004 Air Force enlisted accessions, or about 370 recruits, will be able to sign up for a 15-month enlistment, as part of the National Call to Service program.

The congressionally-mandated program is designed to let people serve their country who might otherwise shy away from a regular four- or six-year active-duty enlistment, according to Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Drogo. Drogo is the Air Force chief of enlisted accessions policy at the Pentagon.

The 15-month obligation for these airmen does not begin until they complete their initial training -- basic military training and technical training school, he said.

"The (clock begins) on the date they report to their first duty station," Drogo said. "When they near the end of their enlistment, they will have

the opportunity to choose whether they would like to extend their active-duty commitment for 24 months, or join the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve for the same length of time."

However, after the additional two years of service are complete, these airmen still have another four years of service to fulfill.

This service can be accomplished by re-enlisting in the active-duty Air Force, extending their Guard or Reserve commitment, transferring to the Individual Ready Reserves, or participating in another national-service program such as AmeriCorps or the Peace Corps, the chief said.

Airmen who enlist under this program will only be able to serve in 29 Air Force specialties. These specialties were chosen based on inputs from career-field managers. Some of these specialties will have special requirements, such as civilian certification or training, that prospective airmen must possess before being considered for entry into the career field.

"This will allow these airmen to be 'spun up'

quickly and begin contributing to the mission," he said.

Airmen who enlist under the program will be able to choose one of three special incentives for the program. The incentives include a \$5,000 cash bonus, \$10,000 student-loan repayment for qualified loans, or education assistance benefits comparable to the Montgomery GI Bill.

If they choose to re-enlist, airmen retain their chosen incentive and can elect to participate in the MGIB.

Drogo sees the program as having two benefits.

"First, it will increase the number of people in the general public with military experience to help better inform the American public about what we do in the military," he said. "Surveys have shown that what most people know about the military they have learned from family and friends who have served."

The second major benefit of the program will be to help provide another source of accessions for air reserve components, he said.

Lives

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It took about 40 minutes to retrieve and fly him to the coalition hospital, where he underwent the four-hour surgery that saved him.

"This is where training really pays off," said Col. Brian Morr, 447th Expeditionary Medical Support commander. His team includes 31 medical professionals from 10 bases. "As medical personnel, we follow the same training plan worldwide, which makes us an effective team despite having never worked together before."

Four of the seven patients were released within 24 hours. Three others were flown to medical facilities outside Iraq.

"Our mobile field surgical team, embedded in EMEDS, has the capability to perform emergency surgery to stabilize patients with life-threatening injuries," said Dr. (Lt. Col.) Craig Ruder, 477th EMEDS orthopedic surgeon. "We treated his crush injuries, controlled ongoing bleeding and provided fluid resuscitation that stabilized his condition."

Eleven hours after the first rescue team responded, the final leg of the medical marathon began at the 379th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. The squadron's mobile aeromedical staging facility prepared the remaining injured trio for aeromedical evacuation. Facility nurses and medical technicians cared for the patients.



Courtesy photo

U.S. troops transport an injured person onto a medical helicopter following the bombing attack of the U.N. embassy in Iraq Aug. 19. Teams of Air Force people responded to the site of the attack.

"The (staging facility) is basically a hub for all the area's medical evacuations," said Lt. Col. Andy Wolkstein, the facility's commander. "We take patients from the surrounding camps and prepare them for transport. (Aug. 19), we

already had 61 patients scheduled for transportation to Germany; so we added that first critical patient and a critical care air transport team at the last minute."

During the 1991 Gulf War, military leaders learned they needed a way to move critically injured patients quickly to better-equipped medical facilities, Morr said. So, they developed the transport teams.

While the capability has been a theory for a while, it became a reality during operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, said Master Sgt. Mike Jones, a respiratory therapist assigned to the team.

"We used to only be able to transport stable patients," Jones said. "Now we're able to transport patients who have been stabilized and are under intensive care. That's a major difference." The three-person teams include a critical-care physician, critical-care nurse and respiratory therapist. The teams set up an intensive-care unit on the airplane. Each team can care for up to three critical patients those who require ventilators or up to six who do not.

This multinational, joint-service team made sure the patients brought to the airport were safely airlifted to more advanced care outside Iraq.

"This was a total-team effort," said Morr. "Our team consisted of physicians from the Air Force and Navy; Air Force nurses; and Air Force, Navy and Australian forces technicians."

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Goal

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“Fighting DWI is very important,” said Willie Cooper, 7th Services Squadron community activities director. “But we have to be able to protect ourselves against the other guy as well. Defensive driving is a great way to do that and taking the course may even provide a discount with your insurance company.”

The next defensive driving course will be Sept. 8 to 9 at The Hangar Center from 6 to 9 p.m. There is a fee of \$25 per student. For more information or to register for the class, contact Cooper at 6-4305.

Base safety officials remind people that the 101 Critical Days of Summer do not end until Monday, and personal safety is the responsibility of each Air Force member. Dyess people must constantly practice good risk management skills, make smart decisions and reassess risks during summer activities, safety officials said.

Of great concern to many Air Force officials is Labor Day weekend.

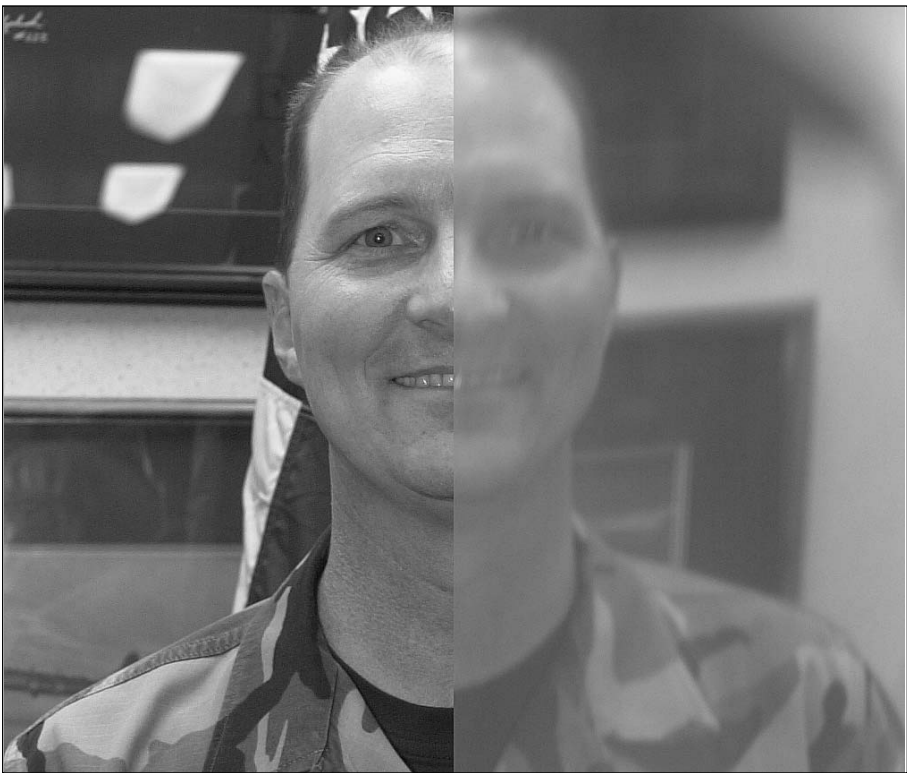
The National Safety Council estimates that 488 people will die and 25,400 people may suffer non-fatal injuries in motor vehicle crashes during the upcoming Labor Day weekend.

Labor Day weekend is historically bad for vehicle crashes. Over the last six years, there were 9.7 percent more deaths in automotive crashes during Labor Day weekends than during the weekends immediately before and after the holiday.

After several years of improvement in the 1990s in reducing drunk driving fatalities, the Air Force has now seen three straight years of increases, according to the National Safety Council. Nearly 18,000 people died in crashes involving drunk drivers last year and nearly 40 percent of all fatal vehicle crashes involve alcohol.

Base safety officials say the message is simple -- “If you drink, do not drive.”

For more information, contact Carson at 6-5578.



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Master Sgt. Rich Cornelius, 7th Security Forces Squadron first sergeant, poses for a photo to illustrate the visual effects of alcohol on a person. The left side of the photo was taken normally. The right side of the photo was taken through the base safety office’s Fatal Vision goggles, which simulate the effects of alcohol on the wearer. The base safety office uses the goggles to spread awareness about the dangers involved with driving under the influence.

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TEAM DYESS

Warrior of the Week

Tech. Sgt. Carrie Bolin

Unit: 7th Comptroller Squadron

Job description: NCO in-charge of document audit

Time in the Air Force: 11 years

Time at Dyess: Six years

Hometown: San Antonio

Family: Husband, Master Sgt. Bryan; daughters, Brandi and Bridgette; and son, Austin

Job impact on the mission: I ensure accurate pay and entitlements for Dyess and airmen at Fort Hood, Texas.

Career goals: To progress in rank and provide the tools for my airmen to do the same.

Best Air Force memory: Having my dad do my re-enlistment.

Editor's note: Squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors can nominate people in their units to be the Dyess Warrior of the Week.

To nominate a Warrior, call Senior Airman Zachary Wilson at 6-4266. All nominees must be cleared through their squadron leadership and must present a professional military image.



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

TEAM DYESS

7th CPTS profile

Leaders:**Commander:**

Maj. David Sherman

First Sergeant:

Master Sgt.

Lewis Williams

Personnel:

- Officers: Six
- Enlisted: 32
- Civilians: 15

Mission statement:

Provide financial services to over 400 civil service employees and over 5,000 military members, administer and oversee the 7th Bomb Wing's \$330 million operations and maintenance budget and train forces to provide deployable financial support to the warfighter across the spectrum of conflict.

Future goals:

- Push resources to the warfighter
- Increase unit deployment capabilities
- Be a strategic partner to leadership providing accurate and timely financial advice
- Improve the quality of life for squadron personnel

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64 Dyess members step up to new rank in September

By Senior Airman
Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

Sixty-four Dyess members will be flexing their new stripes in September.

Four members will become senior master sergeants while two selectees will move up to the senior NCO ranks. Three selectees put on their technical sergeant stripes as 10 others join the NCO ranks.

Dyess' September promotees are:

To senior master sergeant
Jerry Cordle, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Renee Hanson, 7th AMXS
David Riley, 317th Maintenance Squadron
William Wardell Jr., 317th Operations Support Squadron

To master sergeant
Michael Cowan, 7th Bomb Wing
Debbie Perez, 7th Comptroller Squadron

To technical sergeant
Todd Grundy, 7th Services Squadron
Curtis Hays, 436th Training Squadron
Josef Johnson, 7th Medical Support Squadron

To staff sergeant
Ryan Bolen, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron
Christine Emswiler, 7th MDSS
Dale Harrison, 317th MXS
Venessa Hernandez, 7th Mission Support Squadron
Daniel Hume, 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Douglas Lee, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron
Josephine Locke, 7th Security Forces Squadron
Enrique Martinez, 317th AMXS
Pedro Tamez, 7th CES
Karl Yocher, 436th TRS

To senior airman
Shane Alsworth, 317th MXS

Marie Barawid, 7th AMXS
Danielle Bruton, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Joel Caceres, 7th AMXS
Benjamin Cram, 317th AMXS
Adam Crothers, 7th AMXS
Natrell Curry, 7th AMXS
Eric Davis, 7th CES
Christopher Dean, 7th AMXS
Dustin Dickens, 317th AMXS
Michelle Drysol, 7th AMXS
Christopher Garcia, 9th Bomb Squadron
Peter Giesige, 7th Munitions Squadron
Kristoffer Golden, 7th AMXS
James Haines, 7th LRS
Tania Jenkins, 7th AMXS
Tony Johnson, 317th MXS
Ivelina Konstantinova, 7th SVS
Steven Maberry, 7th BW
Jennifer Mata, 317th Airlift Group
Brian Martin, 7th AMXS
James Pellum, 7th Operations Support Squadron
Jason Penwell, 7th CES
Monica Rivera, 7th AMXS

Ryan Ruddell, 317th AMXS
Ryan Ruegg, 7th MUNS
Jeffrey Ross, 317th AMXS
Farbod Safavi, 7th LRS
Jomaine Saldana, 7th LRS
Kyle Slater, 317th AMXS
Jamie Turner, 40th Airlift Squadron
Wyatt Wilson, 7th Communications Squadron
Blake Wozniak, 317th AMXS

To airman first class
Edwin Bernal, 317th MXS
Nathaniel Bias, 7th MDSS
Timothy Ensminger, 7th AMXS
Heather Israel, 7th MSS
Christopher Kessler, 7th CES
Gary Lang, 7th AMXS
Joseph Marsh, 7th CS
Charles Mittlestat, 317th AMXS
Michael Rafter, 7th AMXS
David Salas, 7th CES

To airman
Onen Davis, 7th LRS
Christopher Dove, 7th CES

Local Advertisement

37 Dyess servicemembers re-enlist in August

By Airman 1st Class
Valerie Ferreira
Dyess Public Affairs

Thirty-seven Dyess enlisted members raised their right hands and took the oath of enlistment during the month of August.

- The re-enlistees are:
- Master Sgt. Steven Bockenfeld, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron
 - Senior Airman Ebony Bolden, 7th Operations Support Squadron
 - Master Sgt. Ann Brown, 3rd Air Support Operations Group
 - Tech. Sgt. William Burns, 7th Maintenance Group
 - Master Sgt. John Carrell, 7th Munitions Squadron
 - Senior Airman Steve Cortez,

- 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- Master Sgt. Wendell Crittenden, 7th Contracting Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Richard Elvington, 7th AMXS
- Staff Sgt. Jorge Gonzales, 7th Security Forces Squadron
- Master Sgt. Tracy Harris, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Terrance Hazelwood, 7th AMXS
- Senior Airman Damon Law, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Richard Legato, 317th AMXS
- Tech. Sgt. Steve Marshall, 40th Airlift Squadron
- Senior Airman Stephanie Martinez, 7th LRS
- Tech. Sgt. Randall Moore, 7th EMS

- Senior Airman Nathan Ness, 317th AMXS
- Senior Airman Ryan Northrup, 7th CMS
- Tech. Sgt. Gregory Parks, 7th EMS
- Staff Sgt. Steven Perry, 7th EMS
- Senior Airman Joseph Ponce, 317th Maintenance Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Michael Reeves, 317th MXS
- Tech. Sgt. Stephen Reinhart, 317th AMXS
- Staff Sgt. Vicente Romero, 40th AS
- Staff Sgt. William Rosinsky, 7th AMXS
- Tech. Sgt. Johnny Russell, 3rd ASOG
- Master Sgt. Scott Serrault, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron

- Senior Airman Kristina Simpson, 40th AS
- Staff Sgt. Brandi Southerland, 77th Weapons School
- Staff Sgt. Joshua Taylor, 712th Air Support Operations Squadron
- Master Sgt. Raul Valadez, 9th Bomb Squadron
- Senior Airman Yaury Victoria, 7th MXG
- Staff Sgt. Joseph Whiteley, 7th AMXS
- Tech. Sgt. Glade Wilding, 7th CMS
- Senior Airman James Wright, 9th BS
- Senior Airman David Zaccanti, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron
- Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Zahn, 39th AS



Do your part, be water smart!

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Staff Sgt. Kyle Smith

Hot wires

Tech. Sgt. Terry Zarazee (left) and Airman 1st Class Trevor Jones, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, splice electrical cables at a forward-deployed location in Southwest Asia. The work is part of an upgrade of the electrical system at the base. Both airmen are assigned to the 380th Civil Engineer Squadron.



This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

Aug. 29 -- The U.S. Senate approved a 70-group Air Force in 1949.

Aug. 30 -- The first "Atlas" intercontinental ballistic missile squadron became fully operational in 1960.

Aug. 31 -- U.S. Army Air Corps pilots flew five miles above the earth to photograph an eclipse of the sun in 1932.

Sept. 1 -- The U.S. Air Force announced the first aerial

refueling in 1953.

Sept. 2 -- Plane-to-plane radio transmission was demonstrated in 1916.

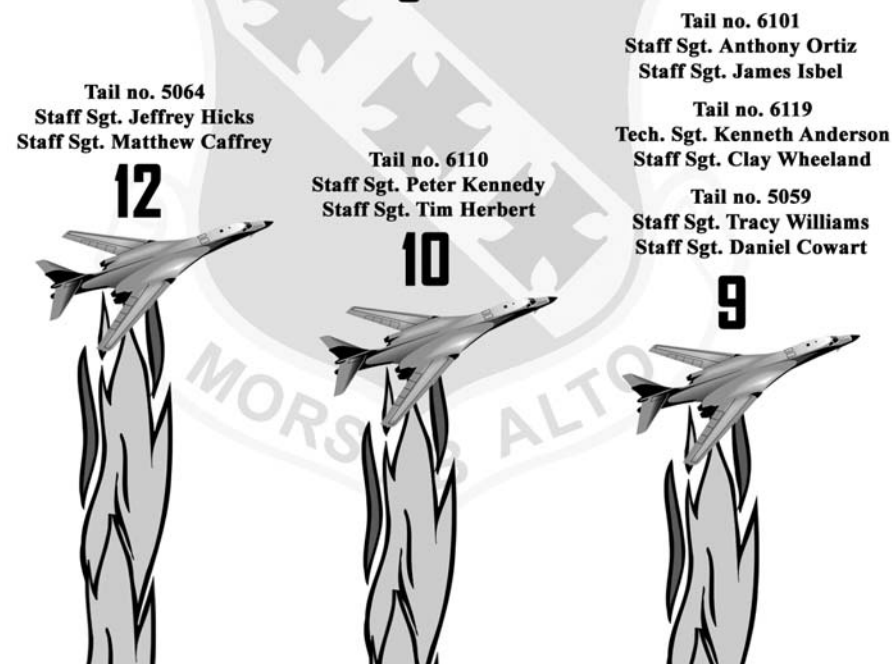
Sept. 3 -- The Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was dedicated by President Richard Nixon in 1971.

Sept. 4 -- The first U.S. transcontinental air crossing was made within a single day in 1922.

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The Race is on!
Most on-time take offs
Aug. 1-29



Tail no. 5064
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Hicks
Staff Sgt. Matthew Caffrey

Tail no. 6101
Staff Sgt. Anthony Ortiz
Staff Sgt. James Isbel

Tail no. 6119
Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Anderson
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Senior Master Sgt. Cheri Drysdale at 6-4471.

America's Air Force

NO ONE COMES CLOSE

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**101 Critical Days of Summer
are here ...**

THINK SAFETY!

Watering restrictions

Dyess has recently implemented stage one watering restrictions.

In stage one, watering is permitted only once a week from midnight to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to midnight on a day determined by the last digit of the house address.

If the last digit of the address is 7 or 8, water on Sundays; 9, Mondays; 0, Tuesdays; 1, Wednesdays; 2, Thursdays; 3 or 4, Fridays; 5 or 6, Saturdays.

For more information, call the housing flight at 6-2150.

Dining Out

Dyess' 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out is Sept. 6 at the Abilene Civic Center.

Tickets are available from unit first sergeants. The cost is \$12 each. Military members must wear the mess dress or semi-formal uniform. Female military members are required to wear skirts.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Terry Savoie is the guest speaker.

Vietnam Wall in Abilene

The Vietnam Wall Experience, a

traveling, three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., is coming to Nelson Park in Abilene Sept. 11-14.

The Wall will be available for viewing 24 hours a day at no charge. Volunteers are needed.

To volunteer, call Marcia Riley at 6-5999.

Thrift shop hours

The Dyess Thrift Shop, run by the Officers Spouses Club, is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays with consignments from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month. Consignments on Saturdays are taken from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The thrift shop is located at 382 4th Ave., across from the temporary lodging facility.

For more information, call Audra Fruge at 795-8484.

Sick call procedures

Sick call for active-duty members is at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. from Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday.

There are 30 minutes (longer if needed) allotted for each sick call, but arriving at the end of sick call may still delay regularly scheduled visits.

Patients arriving late to sick call will be asked to return at another time or schedule an appointment to minimize interference with patient visits that have already been scheduled. Patients arriving early may either wait in the lobby or return at the scheduled time.

For more information, call flight medicine at 6-4677.

Driving reminders

7th Security Forces Squadron officials remind Dyess drivers that U-turns on base are prohibited. The only exceptions are for emergency response vehicles responding to an emergency and drivers directed to make a U-turn by 7th SFS.

No orders, no problem

Commercial air travel will be charged to individuals' government travel cards en lieu of orders beginning in October. This change will eliminate the need for members to

bring orders to pay for temporary duty or permanent change of station air travel to the commercial ticket office. Orders will still be required for Air Mobility Command rotators or if a member does not have a government travel card.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Bruce Warren at 6-1435.

Watch for runners!

Slow down and use caution when passing troops running or standing in formation on base. Be particularly observant during early morning and early evening hours for squadrons conducting physical training. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Robert Polanco at 6-5537.

Monitoring monitors

Dyess people are reminded that when they log onto a government computer, the use of that computer constitutes consent to monitoring.

Unauthorized use of government computers can adversely affect an Air Force member's career.

For more information, call Capt. Tobias Len, Area Defense Counsel, at 6-3328.

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CALENDAR



Today, Aug. 29, 2003

Air Combat Command Family Day

Women's Golf Day, 9 a.m. at The Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more info, call 6-4385.

Hot Car/Truck Display, 2 p.m. in the base exchange parking lot. For more info, call 6-2936.

Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003

Labor Day weekend trip to San Antonio, offered by outdoor recreation. For more info, call 6-2402.

Thunder Alley, 8 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Late Night, 11 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Sunday, Aug. 31, 2003

Sunday brunch, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Monday, Sept. 1, 2003

Labor Day

Dart night, at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2003

Tiny Tots reading hour, 10 a.m. at the base library. For more info, call 6-2618.

Bingo mania, 7:15 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2003

7th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron assumption of command ceremony, 2 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2345.

Wing Right Start, 8 a.m. to noon at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-5730.

Thursday, Sept. 4, 2003

Free brake repair class, noon to 4 p.m. at the auto skills center. For more info, call 6-4179.

50 cent bowling, 5 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Bunco night, hosted by the Officers Spouses Club, 6:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 795-8484.

Upcoming events

Sept. 5 -- Homeland Defense/Combined Federal Campaign golf tournament

Sept. 6 -- Company Grade Officers Council Bowl For Kids' Sake

Sept. 6 -- 20th Annual Enlisted Dining Out at the Abilene Civic Center

Sept. 8 -- Busted Putter and Busted Racquet

Sept. 8 -- Intramural bowling starts. For more info, call 6-4166.

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COMMUNITY



'Tots' reading hour

The Tiny Tots reading hour starts at 10 a.m. Tuesdays at the base library.

For more information, call 6-2618.

Bunco night

The Officers Spouses Club will host a Bunco night at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at The Heritage Club.

The event is open to all OSC members and costs \$7 for club members and \$9 for non-members.

Finger sandwiches, vegetables, wings, fruit, pretzels, chocolate mousse and cookies will be served.

For more information, call Audra Fruge at 795-8484.

School gates

The Delaware Gate is open from 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 1:50-4:30 p.m.

The Maryland Gate is open to school pedestrians and construction vehicle traffic from 7:15-8:30 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.

For more information, call 6-6982.

History month

There are openings for people to head up the Black History Month and Women's History Month observance committees.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Gordon Storey at 6-4123.

EDUCATION



Language testing

The Spanish Language Proficiency testing will be done at 7:30 a.m. Sept. 15, Oct. 20 and Dec. 9 at the base education office.

People wanting to take the test must have at least a secret security clearance. Testing is limited to five people per session and is con-



Airman Shawn Baldauf

A cut above

Justin Edmondson, a base contractor, cuts bricks before fitting them during the construction of the base's new car wash on Fourth Street across from the base service station. The new car wash is expected to be finished this fall.

ducted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Air Force does not pay members the Foreign Language Proficiency Pay for Spanish unless a member goes to an approved location and speaks Spanish there daily for official purposes. Language certification is valid for one year from the test date.

For more information, call John Bullard at 6-5763.

Contemporary "Blue Jean" service begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

A nursery and children's church are available at all services.

The base chapel has information about other religious services in the Abilene area.

For more information, call the base chapel at 6-4224.

MEDICAL



Clinic closed

The 7th Medical Group has temporarily discontinued its weekend clinic hours due to low manning. This will allow for optimal service during normal weekday hours.

After-hours and weekend authorizations for urgent, but non-emergency off-base care requires preauthorization by the on-call primary care manager.

The manager can be

reached at 6-2334. TriCare personnel are also available at 1-800-406-2832 to facilitate health care needs.

Patients residing on- or off-base should call 911 for ambulance response or go directly to one of the downtown emergency rooms for illnesses or injuries involving loss of life, limb or sight.

Cancer screenings

The base women's health clinic has openings for annual cervical cancer screenings for TriCare Prime patients. To make an appointment, call 6-4677.

OFF BASE



Labor Day trip

Outdoor recreation is going on a trip to San Antonio Saturday and Sunday.

The trip includes a visit to SeaWorld and a stay downtown near the Riverwalk.

For more information, call outdoor recreation at 6-4179.

Texas Rangers

Outdoor recreation offers a trip to the Ballpark at Arlington Sept. 20 to see the Texas Rangers take on the Anaheim Angels.

The cost is \$30 per person. Cost includes ticket price and transportation.

For more information, call 6-4179.

Fiesta Texas

The information, tickets and travel office has special rates for Six Flags Arlington, Fiesta Texas and Hurricane Harbor. To purchase tickets, call 6-5207.

Sea World

The Anheuser-Busch corporation offers a free single-day admission to all active duty military members, National Guardsmen, Reservists and up to four dependents to Sea World San Antonio now to Nov. 11.

The free single-day admission is also available at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, Fla., Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Va., SeaWorld Orlando, Fla., and SeaWorld San Diego.

Disney discount

Walt Disney Parks and Resorts is offering active duty military members complimentary five-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Tickets, valid for admission to Disney's theme parks, water parks and more at the Walt Disney World Resort now through Dec. 19.

Active duty members may also purchase five-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion Tickets for \$99 each for up to five family members or friends.

For more information, call (407) 939-7424.

BREAKIN' OUT

Base martial artist earns world title with power, technique

Story and photos by
Senior Airman Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs



Above: Tech. Sgt. Rick Johnson, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron logistics planner for the Dyess Deployment Control Center, does a forearm strike breaking six pine boards. Johnson performed the same break with seven boards at the International Sport Karate Association's U.S. Open tournament which earned him the title of the 2003 ISKA Power Wood Upper Body Breaking Champion. Right: Johnson shatters 12 concrete bricks during Dyess' Big Country Air Power Day air show. Johnson performed at the air show as a member of "Team Chip, the 2003 United States Tae Kwon Do Union's National Championship Demonstration Team.



Tech. Sgt. Rick Johnson throws his partner during a practice session. A first-degree black belt, Johnson is an assistant instructor at his martial arts school.

Standing under the spotlight of center stage, Rick looked relatively calm and relaxed -- only his sharp, steely gaze gave any indication of the pressure that was upon him.

He did not hear the calls from the crowd gathered around him, nor did he feel the weight of the thousands of eyes from all over the world watching his every move. He simply stood there focused on the one challenge in front of him -- seven boards -- 5.25 inches of solid pine.

With an explosion of strength and will-power, Tech. Sgt. Rick Johnson, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron, hurled forward driving his forearm through the rigid wooden obstacle, splintering it into a pile of scrap and earning himself the title of 2003 International Sport Karate Association's Power Wood Upper Body Breaking Champion.

"This was my first year competing," said Johnson, a logistics plan-

ner for the base deployment control center. "I also took fifth place in the Power Concrete Upper Body Breaking division. Competing against the seasoned veterans at the event, I was quite happy to do as well as I did. But winning Power Wood -- needless to say, I am extremely happy."

The 2003 ISKA U.S. Open tournament was held in Orlando, Fla. in July. The event gave out 10 overall breaking trophies. The competition featured more than 2,000 participants from more than 19 countries including the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Guatemala, England, France, Germany, Australia and China.

"The ISKA U.S. Open is generally recognized as the largest international martial arts tournament of its kind in the world," said Cory Schafer, ISKA president. "The winners are earning the world's most prestigious martial arts titles."

While Johnson earned the title, he feels that it is not his title alone, but it also belongs to both his immediate family and his "extended family" at Master Lim's Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido Academy in Abilene.

Johnson's story began when he went on temporary duty to

Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, for cross-training. While he was gone, his wife, Jodi, took their sons, Matt and Kyle and daughter, Dana, to Master Lim's academy to see about martial arts lessons.

When Johnson returned from his TDY in February 1999, he went to the school to check it out for himself.

"As a parent, I wanted to see what my kids were learning," Johnson said. "My children were learning something that I couldn't really fathom at the time and I wanted to be able to interact with something that interested them so much. So I considered joining."

That consideration turned into action as Johnson was placed on the weight management program for the third time in his career.

"After I didn't meet my weight, I started taking classes too," Johnson said. "When I first started, I couldn't touch my ankles. Two months later, I was off the program and I have never been back since."

Johnson admits that he found more than family interaction and a healthy lifestyle at the school. He also met his friend, mentor and instructor, Chip Townsend, chief instructor at Master Lim's Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido Academy.



Tech. Sgt. Rick Johnson receives some precision instruction from his friend, mentor and martial arts instructor, Chip Townsend. Townsend, the chief instructor at Master Lim's Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido Academy in Abilene, is a four-time world champion breaker.

"In breaking, there is a lot of proper technique involved. Just because you hit something hard doesn't mean it is going to break."

Tech. Sgt. Rick Johnson

7th Logistics Readiness Squadron logistics planner and 2003 ISKA World Power Wood Upper Body Breaking Champion.

"I remember the first time I heard Chip say 'in some form or fashion, nothing in this world is free. If you don't work for it you'll never get it. If you want it, you have to go get it,'" Johnson said. "I'm 35 years old. I am a technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. I know I can do whatever I set my mind to, but Chip gave me the opportunity to focus myself and begin excelling in ways I had not imagined."

It was Johnson's spirit and dedication that unknowingly launched him into the world of breaking.

"He is always one of the first ones here and the last ones to leave," Townsend said. "He sees the value in what he does, and he is willing to give back to others that same value. He has a good heart and a huge work ethic -- to me, that earned him a special place here."

Townsend, a four-time world breaking champion, asked Johnson to join his holding team. As a holder, Johnson was responsible for setting up and holding the boards, bats, bricks and other items Townsend would use during his breaking demonstrations.

"Good holders can be more important than the breaker," Townsend said. "You have to have quality holders who can hold your board or brick without fear. You have to be able to completely count on your holders because, at the world-competition level of breaking, you get one shot and that's it."

After a couple years of witnessing world-class breaking first hand, Johnson decided to throw his own hat into the competitive ring.

"I knew it was going to be tough,"

Johnson said. "You have to train for 1,000 hours to step up and break one brick and I knew it was going to be somewhat painful."

"But sometimes pain is your best teacher," Johnson added. "It makes you receptive to learning, and this is an important lesson in a lot of ways. In breaking, there is a lot of proper technique involved. Just because you hit something hard doesn't mean it is going to break."

"There is no magic to breaking," he continued. "Breaking does hurt -- it is whether you have it inside yourself to look past the pain and break anyway."

After training for the past year, Johnson made his competitive breaking debut on the world circuit in July.

As a member of "Team Chip," the 2003 United States Tae Kwon Do Union's National Championship Demonstration Team, Johnson has attended and won a variety of demonstration events. The first-degree black belt is also currently an assistant instructor at Master Lim's, where he helps teach his three black-belt children as well as the rest of his "family" the things he has learned.

"All of these kids here are my kids," Johnson said. "They are part of who I am -- they are my family. We learn and grow together."

Johnson hopes to learn and pass on even more in the future. His next challenge will be the ISKA National Breaking Championship competition Oct. 25. Johnson will then defend his world championship title over the July 4th weekend next summer.

Sport Shorts

Women’s Golf Day

Fridays are Women’s Golf Days at 9 a.m. at The Mesquite Grove Golf Course. The cost is \$8 per person, which includes nine holes of golf and a 15-minute lesson. For more information, call 6-4384.

CFC golf tournament

The West Texas Homeland Defense Symposium/Combined Federal Campaign golf tournament tees off at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 5 at The Mesquite Grove Golf Course. The cost is \$39.11 per person,

which includes the use of a golf cart. Call 6-3430 by Wednesday to sign up. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Timothy Morris at 6-5402 or Master Sgt. Ron Coles at 6-5367.

Intramural sports

The intramural flag football and bowling seasons are set to begin in September. Flag football will be played Mondays through Thursdays starting Sept. 17. Intramural bowling will begin rolling Sept. 8 at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Sign-ups are also being taken for Friday Night Fun League and Dyess Youth League. For more information, call the sports and fitness center at 6-4306.

Club championship

The Mesquite Grove Golf Course hosts the club championship Sept. 20-21. For more information, call 6-4384.

Airmen’s Golf Day

The next Airmen’s Golf Day is Sept. 21 at The Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

Enlisted members in pay grades E-1 to E-4 can golf for half-price. For more information, call The Mesquite Grove Golf Course at 6-4384.

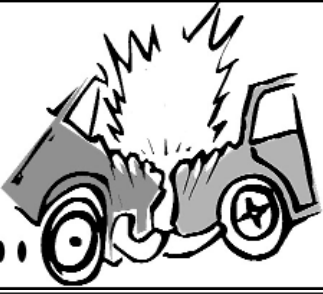
Poker 5-K run/walk

The Poker 5-K run/walk will be held at 9 a.m. Sept. 24 at The Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more information, call the sports and fitness center at 6-4306.

Paintball guns

Outdoor recreation now has paintball guns for sale. For more information, call out-

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